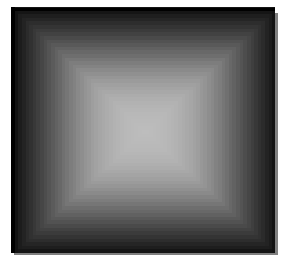
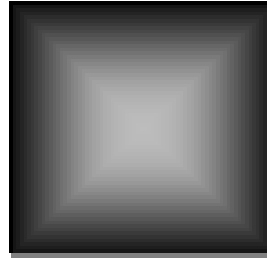


## 2015 IOWA INDUSTRY PROFILE

# CONSTRUCTION

## IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



### Executive Summary

In 2014, the **construction** sector, statewide, comprised 5.0 percent of all employment in Iowa; however, this is an industry that is sensitive to the volatilities of the business cycle, so this percentage is subject to more variation than other industries. This sector had an average annual wage of \$51,965 for 2014, which is 22.2 percent higher than the statewide average for all industries (public and private sector).

In terms of employment, the **construction** sector was one of the hardest hit by the most recent recession. The industry shed 3,396 jobs (5.1%) between 2009 and 2010 after hemorrhaging 8,115 jobs (10.9%) between 2008 and 2009. The sector has mostly recovered since then and is nearly up to its 2006, pre-recession peak of 76,002 employing 75,697 Iowans in 2014. Construction has added 12,601 (20.0% growth) jobs since bottoming out in 2010. Wages have increased by 27.7 percent between 2006 to 2014, even though they dipped a bit in 2009.

Men make up an overwhelming majority of this industry, holding over 88.6 percent of all jobs in the sector.





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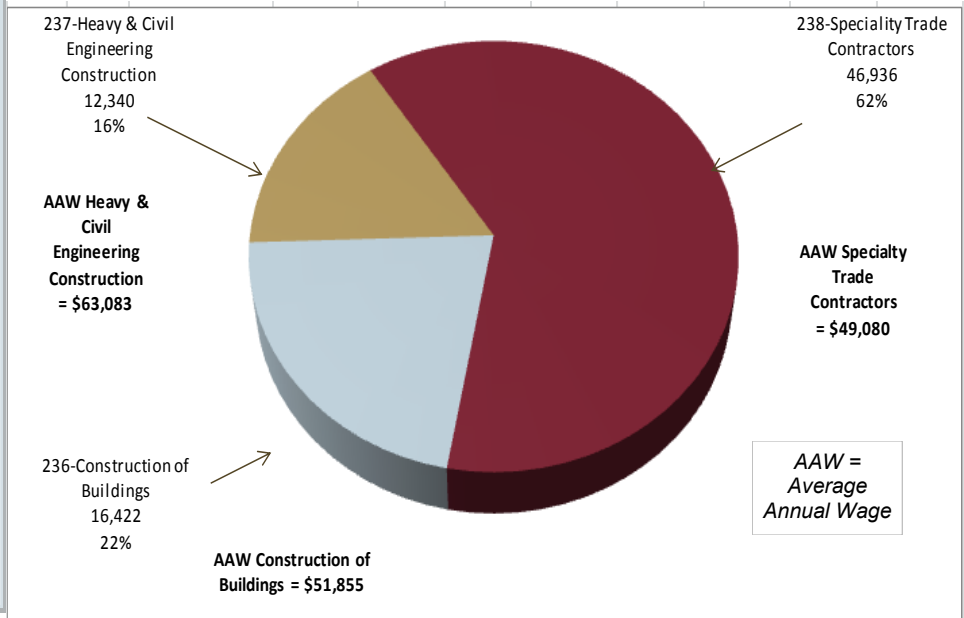
### What is Construction?

The **construction** sector is comprised of establishments primarily engaged in the construction of buildings, engineering projects (e.g., highways and utility systems) or in the construction trades. Establishments primarily engaged in the preparation of sites for new construction or primarily engaged in subdividing land for sale as building sites are also included in this sector. Construction work done may include new work, additions, alterations or maintenance and repairs. Activities of these establishments generally are managed at a fixed place of business, but they usually perform construction activities at multiple project sites.

### 2014 Industry Breakout by Employment in Iowa

Construction NAICS Industry Coding

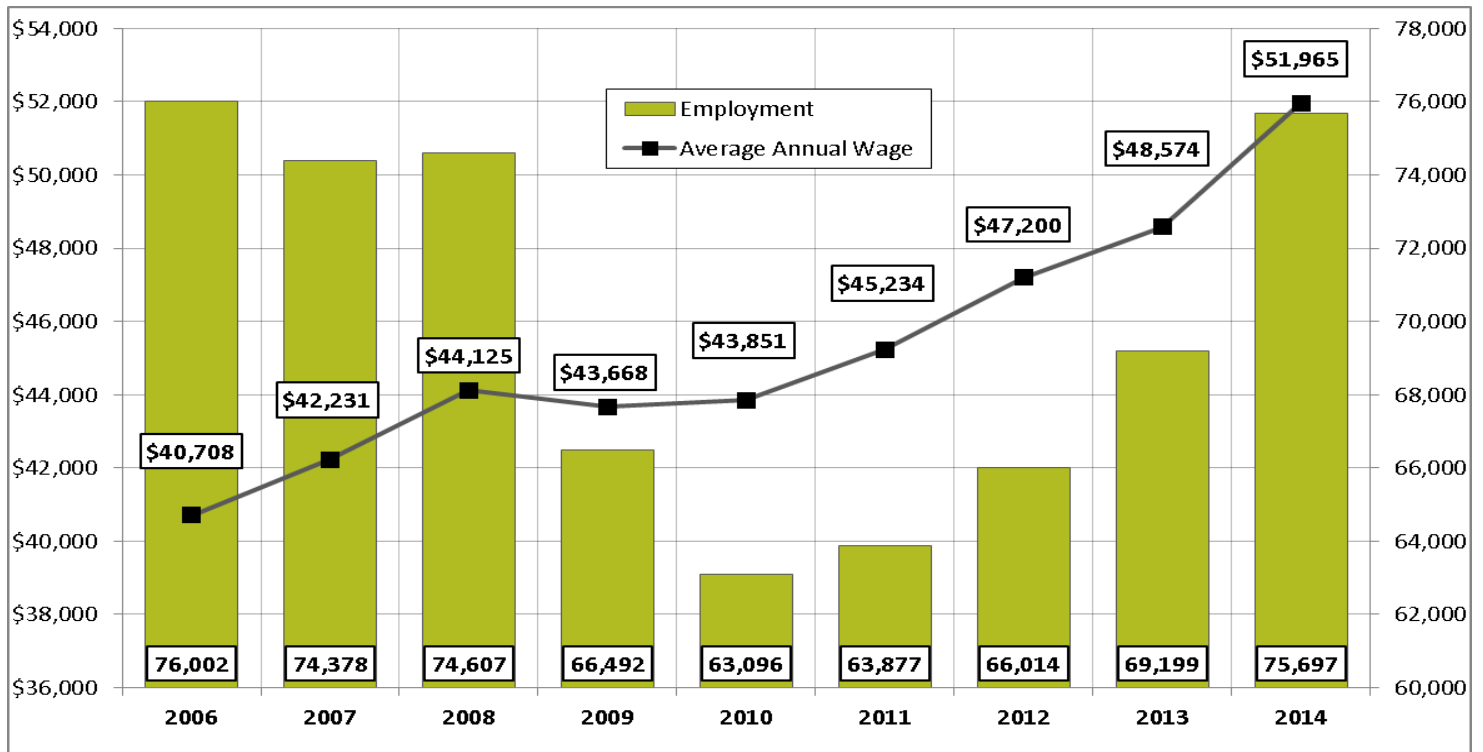
\* Percentage Employed by Sub-Sector



Source: [www.census.gov/naics](http://www.census.gov/naics)

Source: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW), Bureau of Labor Statistics

### 2006-2014 Employment in Construction in Iowa



Source: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW), Bureau of Labor Statistics

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### Examples of Major Construction Industry Employers

Name of Company	Industry
Ames Laboratory	Other Specialty Trade Contractors
Baker Group	Building Equipment Contractors
Casey's Services Co	Other Heavy & Civil Engineering Construction
Davenport Public Works	Highway, Street & Bridge Construction
Hon Co Oak Steel Plant	Other Specialty Trade Contractors
Peterson Contractors Inc.	Residential Building Contractors
Seneca Corp	Building Equipment Contractors
Skyline Construction Inc.	Residential Building Contractors
Tri City Communications	Building Equipment Contractors
Weitz Agricultural Services	Residential Building Construction

Source: Infogroup USA

### Employers

In 2014, there were 9,413 **construction** locations across Iowa, employing 75,697 people averaged throughout the year. Construction work tends to be seasonal.

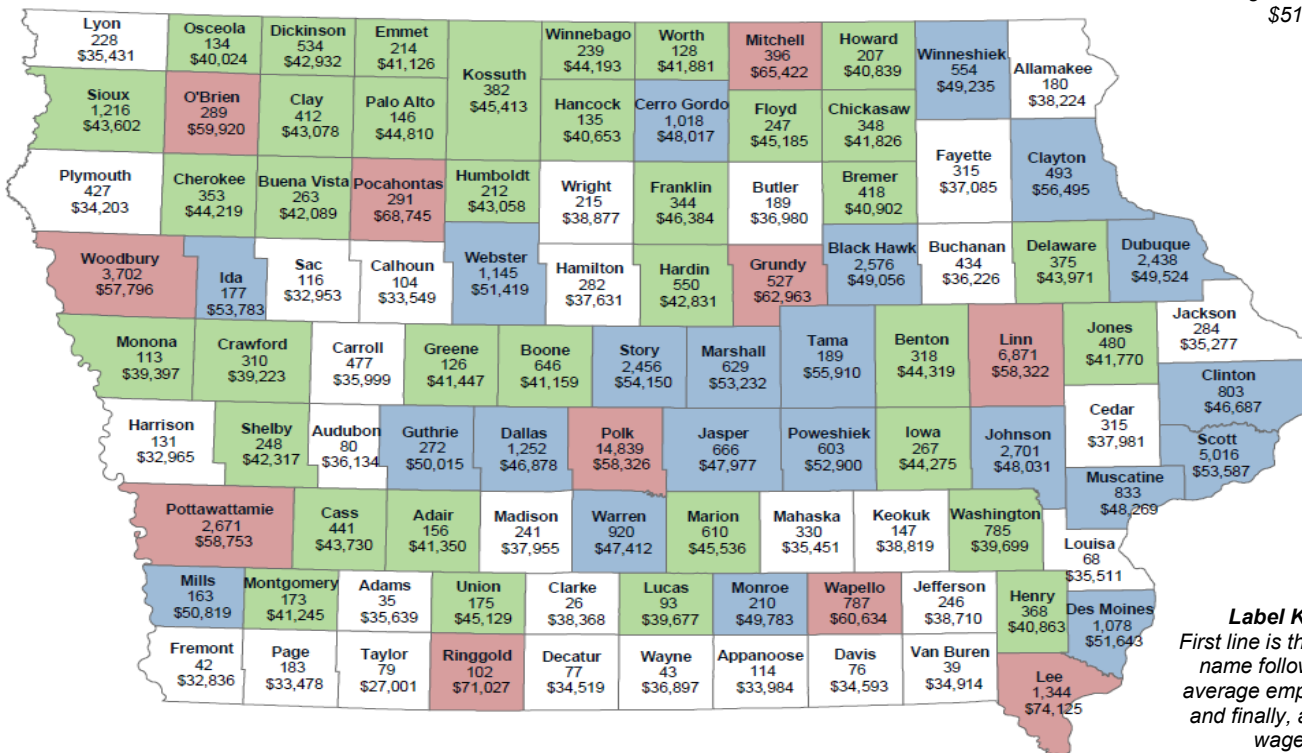
The **heavy & civil engineering construction** subsector accounts for 16.3 percent of total covered sector employment—making it the smallest and best paid segment with average annual wage of \$63,083, **construction of buildings** represents 21.7 percent, and the largest sub-sector, **specialty trade contractors**, employs 62.0 percent of all sector employment.

### 2014 Covered Employment in Construction by County

Average Annual Wage:   
 Less than \$38,877   
 \$38,878 to \$46,384   
 \$46,385 to \$56,495   
 Greater than \$56,496

Sector Statewide:

Employment - 75,697  
Average Annual Wage - \$51,965



**Label Key:**

First line is the county name followed by average employment and finally, average wage.

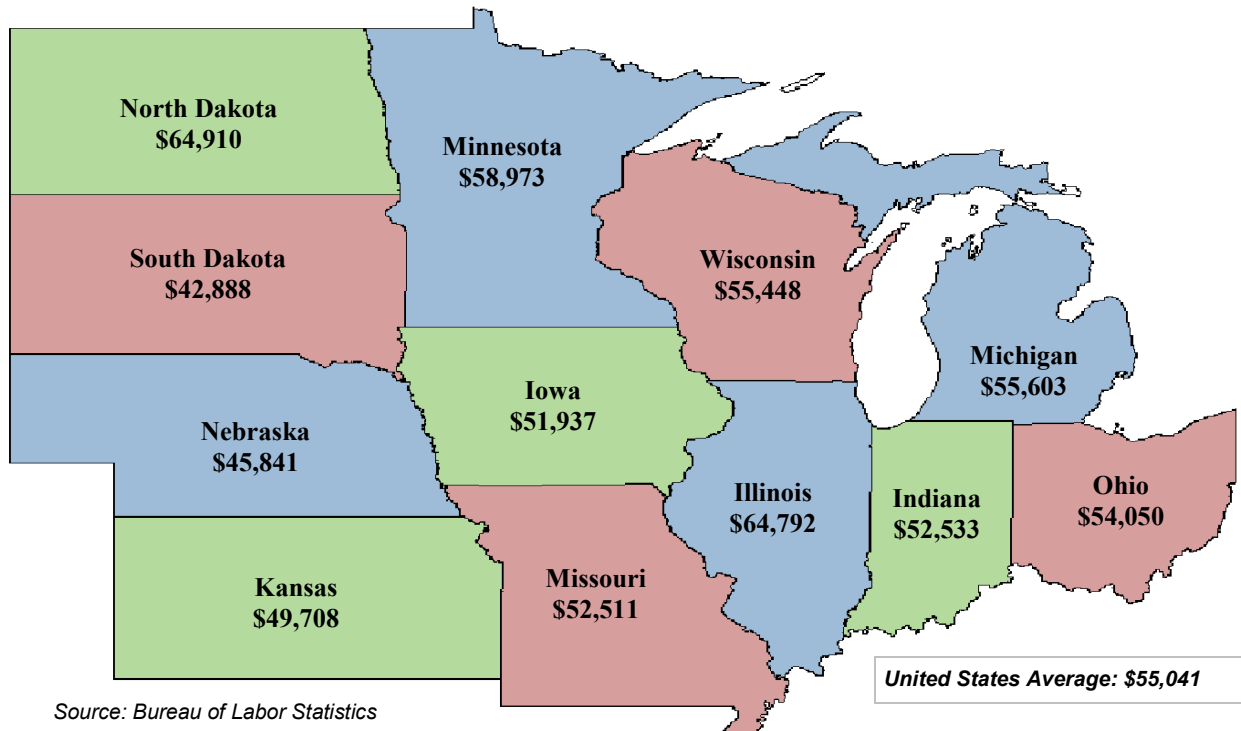
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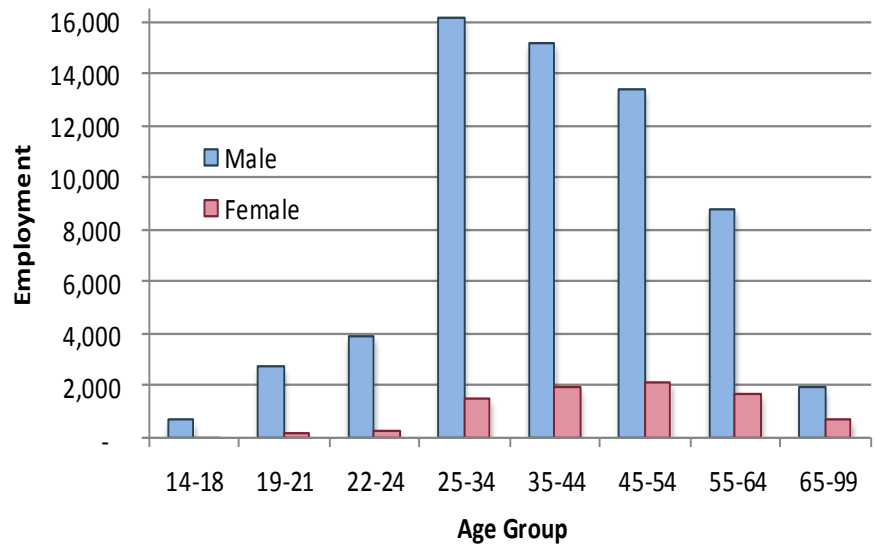
### 2014 Average Annual Wage for Covered Employment in Construction

State Comparisons by Private Ownership



### Industry Distribution by Age and Gender

2013 Average Annual



Source: Local Employment Dynamics, Iowa Workforce Development and U.S. Census Bureau  
<http://lehd.did.census.gov>

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